

SMALL DOSES

A Mercer county farm sold the other day at \$312.50 an acre.

Henderson is promised a bumper apple crop. One big orchard alone indicates a yield of 4,000 barrels.

The Supreme Court has set aside the lower court verdict given John E. Chaloner against the Washington Post.

Berlin dispatch says that Berlin is anxious to form an alliance with America, but Uncle Sam is particular about the company he keeps.

The first report from Austria was that the government considered the peace terms "acceptable." The telegraph got it wrong. They were "unacceptable."

President Wilson is to visit Brussels next week when Queen Elizabeth gets well of hay fever. It's well enough to wait. Our President is not to be sneezed at.

Fifteen members of the house, ten Republicans and five Democrats, were appointed by Speaker Gillett to conduct five investigations of wartime expenditures of the war department.

Ingram Crockett, convicted of embezzlement in Henderson county, has been paroled after serving five years in the penitentiary. He was a banker and poet, until he failed to keep his accounts straight.

Alvin C. York and Iwede will pass through Nashville, Bowling Green and Louisville Wednesday enroute to Salt Lake City, to visit an international Rotary convention. Members of the Chattanooga Rotary club will chaperone them. In Louisville the party of 27 will be entertained at the Watterson Hotel by the local Rotary Club.

Soldiers returning from Europe are looking up the girl and the minister just as fast as they can, according to figures gathered from marriage license bureaus all over the country. In some places the soldiers are standing in line waiting for the papers. Aside from 1917, when youths were getting married with a rush because of the draft law, this year promises to break all records.

Postmaster Burleson in ordering the return of wire utilities to their owners, ordered that the additional burdens he has placed upon the public in the way of increased charges, in many cases in violation of contracts, be maintained. The Supreme Court has decided that the government had a right to raise rates while in control, but it has not decided that private companies can perpetuate the increases after public protests in 40 states, taken into the courts, have forced an end to Burleson's regime.

The home-coming of Sergt. Alvin C. York will be celebrated at Fall Mall, Tenn., today, and all of Fentress county will welcome the returned hero, with a single-handed record of having killed 25 and captured 132 Germans. An incident of the day's exercises, will be the marriage of York to Miss Grace Williams, the little yellow-haired mountain girl 18 years of age, who has captured the red-headed giant who weighs 205 pounds and stands six feet in his sock feet. Gov. A. H. Roberts, who will attend the meeting, will perform the marriage ceremony.

EUROPE STILL HUNGRY

Paris, June 4.—The preliminary survey of the import necessities of Europe except Russia shows that the area will need 700,000,000 bushels of wheat and rye as a minimum or 850,000,000 bushels as a possible maximum. Herbert C. Hoover, head of the allied relief commission, said in a statement issued here.

The export supply of wheat and rye from the larger exporting countries indicate that the needs of Europe can be met. Mr. Hoover estimates the exports of the United States at 470,000,000 bushels.

Mrs. Berry, of Morganfield, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. H. Anderson.

Miss Mallie E. Lindsay, who is to be co-principal of Bethel Woman's College next session, arrived in the city Thursday evening from Mexico, Mo., where she taught this year.

Miss Lola Mae Lovan, of Crofton, enjoys the distinction of being the first woman to get a diploma from the Louisville School of Pharmacy.

Wires Too Hot To Hold

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF LINES, TELEPHONES AND TELEGRAPHS ENDS

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

BURLESON ORDERS LINES TO RESUME OPERATION ON OWN ACCOUNT

HIGH RATES ARE MAINTAINED

Regulations Prohibiting Discrimination Against Workers Still Effective.

Washington, June 6.—Telegraph and telephone companies whose lines have been controlled and operated by the government since last August 1, were ordered last night to resume immediate operations for their own account by Postmaster General Burleson. The postoffice department, however, under terms of Mr. Burleson's orders, retains a measure of control of the service pending final legislative action by congress.

Regulations prohibiting discrimination against wire employees because of union affiliation, maintaining existing rates and charges and instructing companies to keep special accounts to facilitate cost settlement between themselves and the government are retained in effect under the order issued by the postmaster general.

Mr. Burleson accompanied the order with a statement giving the reasons which impelled him to take the action. He asserted that the President having recommended the return of the properties, the senate interstate commerce committee having indicated that immediate return was advisable and the house committee having through hearing manifested a desire for action toward that end, he felt it his duty to return operative control to the various private owners.

Feels It His Duty. "The president having recommended the return of the wire systems and the control of the owning companies with certain legislation designed to stabilize their operation," Mr. Burleson said, "and the senate committee having taken action looking to their immediate return and the house committee in its hearings on the proposed legislation having indicated concurrence in the suggested immediate return with or without legislation so recommended, I feel it my duty to now return actual control of operations to the companies. "Some days ago I directed the necessary orders to be prepared to accomplish this and have issued same. These orders do not affect questions of rates and finance with which the congress may determine to deal. The rates now in force and the financial relations between the government and companies and order of October 20, 1918, prohibiting discrimination because of union affiliation will continue unless the congress in its wisdom may decide to change them or the 'emergency' is terminated by the proclamation of peace.

"By the action now taken, however, the wire companies resume actual control of operations of their respective property and are free to formulate and put into effect their own policies unrestricted by the government control which is to continue in any case, but a few weeks, and thus will be able to prepare themselves for a complete resumption of the management of their property. It will be necessary for each company to keep its accounts during the continuance of government control that its books may be closed on the day government control ends in order that a full and accurate statement may be promptly made when it is called for same."

Strikes threatened by telegraph and telephone employees unions had no bearing on the department's action, officials said.

One man was burned to death, another was missing and many others, including thirty girls, were injured more or less seriously yesterday when fire wrecked the three-story plant of the L. M. Johnson picture frame factory in Chicago.



1—Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan presenting the D. S. C. and Croix de Guerre to heroes of the Twenty-seventh division in Central park, New York. 2—This sign, reading "Bridgehead of Cologne," the farthest eastern outpost of the Canadian army of occupation in Germany. 3—Capt. Selby J. Day (left) and Capt. Clifford S. Wheeler, both of New York, who fought with the Czech-Slovak troops in Siberia for six months and have been detailed to Prague to serve as aids to General Stefane, Czech minister of war.

SCHOOL YEAR HAS ENDED

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING EXERCISES WERE HELD THURSDAY NIGHT

48 RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS

Tabernacle Was Filled With An Appreciative and Attentive Audience.

The Program.

Music.....High School Orchestra
Invocation.....Rev. Charles Brevard
Music.....High School Orchestra
Address.....Dr. Gus W. Dyer, of Vanderbilt University
Music.....High School Orchestra
Presentation of Diplomas.....
.....Supt. J. C. Waller
Awarding Honors.....
.....Prin. Grover C. Koffman
Remarks.....

Music.....High School Orchestra
Benediction.....Rev. Geo. C. Abbott
The music of the orchestra was given as a prelude and at intervals during the exercise, under the direction of Prof. W. T. Little.

The address of Dr. Dyer was the best heard here on a similar occasion. He advised the boys to turn their attention to the "Back to the Farm" idea and not content themselves with becoming non-producers in the cities. He told of the crowded condition in the cities in contrast with the free and easy life in the country, in agricultural states like Kentucky and Tennessee.

Both Prof. Waller and Prof. Koffman made happy and appropriate speeches. The exercises were brief, closing at 10 o'clock.

The graduates all received floral offerings and gifts in great profusion.

28 PROMOTIONS AT VIRGINIA STREET SCHOOL

Graduating Exercises Held Thursday.

At the Virginia Street School, 28 pupils from the Eighth grade were promoted to the High School.

Interesting Class exercises were held in conjunction with the graduating exercises. The program interspersed with music was as follows: Valedictorian, Sara Tunks.

Salutarian, Estella Boyd.
Historian, Charles Johnson.
Class Prophet, Madeline Brown.
Gumbler, William Clark.
Giftorian, Mary Ethel Harned.

Charlie Johnson was able to appear on the platform very much battered up from a recent fall, but his paper was read by another boy.

The class graduating donated to the school a new edition of Webster's unabridged dictionary. The presentation speech was gracefully made by Leonard Doolan, Jr., and the book was accepted in a fitting speech by Gordon Nelson, Jr.

WEST SIDE TEACHERS

Complimented With a Surprise Luncheon Wednesday at Noon.

A number of the parents of the children of the West Side School, and other ladies, on Wednesday surprised the teachers with a luncheon served picnic style in the hallway of the school building at noon.

They suddenly appeared bringing well-filled baskets and at once prepared the feast in a business-like manner. The dinner consisted of fried chicken, boiled ham, pimento, lettuce sandwiches, dressed eggs, pies, cakes, fruits, ice cream, coffee and tea. The dinner was contributed by those who came and some others who were unable to be present. Those who came were Mrs. G. A. Sory, Mrs. H. L. Lebeucher, Mrs. Harry Edwards, Mrs. J. D. Crten, Mrs. C. E. Williams, Mrs. Ed Schmidt, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Lucian Barnes, Miss Fannie Bachman, Mrs. L. B. Cornett and Mrs. Leonard Fowler. The teachers who were honored were Mrs. W. Ray Moss, principal, Miss Elizabeth Lackey, Miss Camille Allensworth, Mrs. Lizzie M. Clark, Miss Gladys Bartley, Miss Lorena Reeder, Miss Bertha Thomas and Miss Lalla Dennis.

The ladies who served the dinner then ate and the teachers waited on them.

COMER STEWART IS AT HOME AND UNINJURED

The official death list sent out by the war department contains the name of "Comer Stewart, Hopkinsville, killed in action."

A number of papers have published this "grossly exaggerated" report. Mr. Stewart was at one time reported as wounded, but even this proved to be a mistake. He escaped injury, though in some hot fighting, and has long since returned to his home in this city.

There are six sets of twins in the Masonic Orphans' Home at Louisville.

143 TRAPPED IN MINE TUNNEL

SEVEN KEGS OF POWDER EXPLODED IN WILKES BARRE MINE AND 83 DIED.

TROLLEY SPARK CAUSED BLAST

Electric Train Was Carrying Men to Work When Powder Is Detonated.

Wilkes Barre, Pa., June 6.—Eighty-three men dead and fifty-one others burned and maimed, many of whom will die, is the toll of a disaster in the Baltimore tunnel of the Delaware and Hudson Coal company in the east section of this city early yesterday.

Seven kegs of black powder, 300 pounds in all, were detonated and the dead and maimed were literally roasted by the superheated gas flames following the explosion.

The tragedy occurred while the men were on their way to work this morning. Owing to their working places being two miles from the mouth of the tunnel, the men were making the trip in a train of fourteen mine cars drawn by an electric motor, the powder being carried in two cars in the middle of the train.

The train had penetrated the tunnel about 200 feet from August Rudico, one of the survivors, states the overheated trolley wire sagged and touched a steel powder keg, formed a short circuit. In an instant there was a shower of sparks and a terrific blast. A great sheet of flame, drawn by the air current, enveloped the helpless men, who were huddled closely together in the cars with no possible chance to escape.

Misses Gwynneth Bartley and Elizabeth McGee have returned from Ardmore, Okla., where they have been teaching school.

Edward Anderson had his tonsils removed Wednesday, at the Jennie Stuart Hospital, Hopkinsville, and is getting along nicely.—Pembroke Journal.

Ashton D. Garrott has accepted a position with Hardwick's Jewelry store, at Hopkinsville.—Pembroke Journal.

SERVICES IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH JUNE 6, 1819.

PAPER READ BY W. T. TANDY

Formal Sermon Will Be Delivered By

Dr. Leonard W. Doolan Tomorrow Morning.

A historical paper by Mr. Wm. T. Tandy, at the First Baptist Church Wednesday night, was the first of a series of services in observance of the centennial of the church, postponed from last year.

Dr. L. W. Doolan, pastor of the church, presided, and the old hymns, favorites of bygone days, were led by Bailey Waller. The formal centennial sermon will be preached by Dr. Doolan next Sunday morning, and on the following Wednesday night he will review the labors here of former pastors.

Mr. Tandy's address was of great historic interest and was charmingly prepared.

"From the musty records" he said, "made dim by the hands of time, faded and almost illegible, much can be gleaned which tells the story of the hardships and trials, the sturdy character and rules of decorum of our forefathers of a century ago, some of which enlist our hearty commendation, others invite our amusement, but withal a most interesting story of the simple life."

He told how on June 6, one hundred and one years ago a small group of earnest Baptist Christian men, only five in number, and a few women, met in conference at the house of John Pursley, grandfather of John W. Pursley, a beloved member of our present congregation, who was in attendance last night, about one mile west of Hopkinsville on the West Fork of Little River to constitute, as the records say, "a regular Baptist Church of our Lord Jesus Christ." The session was organized with the assistance of Elders Jesse Brooks and William Tandy, the latter grandfather of the speaker. The names of those assembled constituting the membership of the church are given as follows: James Payne, Charles Thrift, John Pursley, Henry Rowland, Robert Slaughter, also Grace Pursley, Lucy Slaughter, Sallie Tally, Keziah, and lastly, a sister of color, "Winnie," a slave belonging to William Payne. James Payne was chosen at this meeting as the first pastor of the church and Mr. Tandy states that he was spoken of as a man of more than ordinary intellectual ability, and as a preacher was abreast of the times and stood high in the church and in the community. The speaker told of the growth of the church and showed from the records the first persons received from baptism were "Daniel," the property of Major Long; "Phil," belonging to Mr. Bryan; Anthony McLean, and "Ashby" and "Delpha," the property of Major Long, and "Rachel," the property of John H. Anderson. The church was designated as the "Baptist Church of Christ, New Providence," presumable in imitation of the "Providence" church founded by Roger Williams. At a meeting August 10, 1818, two notable events occurred. One was the reception by letter of Dr. Augustine Webster, one of the most remarkable men who ever resided in this region and to whom Mr. Tandy paid a beautiful tribute. The venerable daughter of that patriarch, Mrs. Carrie Arnold, who constitutes, as Mr. Tandy said, the one connecting link between the present membership and that of primitive times, was in the congregation last night. The other important matter was the agreement of the church to build a "meeting house." Mr. Tandy told of the difficulties surmounted by the little band in constructing the "meeting house" finally erected at the foot of 13th street, on the site for so many

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